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CONTINUOUS POLYCONDENSATION

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Examiner: J. Leung

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks traversing the prior art rejection therein.

That is, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims presented for consideration by the Examiner patentably distinguish over the teachings of the references applied by the Examiner in rejecting claims in the Office Action mailed March 8, 2005, that is, the teachings of the U.S. patents to Rothert, et al., No. 3,761,059, and to Hohlbaum, No. 4,244,923, under the provisions of 35 USC §103.

It is respectfully submitted that these references as applied by the Examiner would have neither taught nor would have suggested such a reactor for producing a high molecular weight polyester as in the present claims, having, among other components, the recited stirring rotor, wherein such stirring rotor is provided with support members, having a disk shape, at both ends of the stirring rotor, and has a